

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
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7. (Cancelled)
8. (Currently amended) A method for receiving text messages in a telecommunications network, the method comprising the steps of:
 - receiving an incoming call from a calling user device coupled to the telecommunications network to a called user device coupled to the telecommunications network;
 - sending an indication of the incoming call to the called user device, including an option to receive voice or text;
 - receiving a response from the called user device indicating that text is desired;
 - sending to the calling user device an indication that text is desired;
 - determining whether the calling user device will respond with text or voice;
 - in response to an indication that the calling user device will send text, receiving a first text message from the calling user device; and to receive voice or a text message in response to the incoming call;
 - receiving a voice message from a user device coupled to the

~~telecommunications network;~~

~~converting the voice message to a text message corresponding to the voice message; and~~

~~sending the first text message to a the called user device.~~

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~10-8~~ wherein the step of determining whether the calling user device will respond with voice or text includes checking direct text message is sent to the user device based upon a user device profile.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~10-8~~ wherein the step of determining whether the calling user will respond with voice or text includes receiving a response from the calling user device indicating whether the calling user device will respond in voice or text sending the direct text message includes sending one of an email, a facsimile, and an electronic message.

12. (New) The method of claim 8 wherein the first text message is sent over a packet-based network.

13. (New) The method of claim 8 wherein in response to an indication that the calling user device will send voice, receiving a voice message from the calling device and converting the voice message into the first text message.